

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13 and 14-33 are all the claims pending in the Application, as claims 2, 14, 34 and 35 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-7, 13, 28, 30 and 34 stand rejected in the June 24, 2004 *Office Action*.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 8-12, 20-27, 29, 31 and 32 are allowed, and that claims 14-19, 33 and 35 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant hereby amends: (1) independent claim 1 to include the features of dependent claim 2 and allowable dependent claim 14; and (2) independent claim 13 to include the features of dependent claim 34 and allowable dependent claim 35. Further, Applicant hereby rewrites allowable dependent claims 15 and 33 in independent form.

Additionally, Applicant: (1) cancels claims 2, 14, 34 and 35; and (2) modifies the dependencies of claims 3 and 5-7, in view of the above amendments.

In view of the above, the rejections of claims 1-7, 13, 28, 30 and 34 are believed to be moot, and the Application is believed to be immediately allowable with claims 1, 3-13 and 14-33.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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